

## **Notice of Intent to Change Billing Method and Set New Rates, Fees or Charges for Water and Wastewater Service**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 9-511.01, notice is hereby given that the Jerome Town Council intends to consider altering the billing method for water and wastewater, and setting new rates, fees or charges for same, beginning January 1, 2022. The change would consist of switching from the current flat rate billing to billing by usage (volumetric rates). In that scenario, total charges may increase for some users and decrease for others. The Town will consider making this change for commercial users, out of town users and residential users, or any combination of those categories. The proposed rates, fees or charges are based on a report provided by Willdan Financial Services, and the proposal includes annual increases in both sets of rates, fees or charges beginning on January 1 of each year following the initial change, and continuing through January 1, 2026, the effective date of the last scheduled increases.

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the potential changes at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Council Chambers, 600 Clark Street, Jerome, Arizona, after which the Council may consider and approve a resolution adopting the proposed new rates or any lesser rates.

A written report and data supporting the changes will be filed with the Town Clerk at least 30 days prior to the public hearing, and will be available on the Town's website, [www.jerome.az.gov](http://www.jerome.az.gov).

*WATER AND SEWER RATES WERE ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021; HOWEVER, THIS HEARING HAS BEEN CONTINUED UNTIL JANUARY 11, 2021 FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A LINE MAINTENANCE CHARGE.*